

# Meeting and Solicitation Notice

## Ecosystem Restoration Program's 2005 Solicitation:

*Projects that assist farmers in integrating agricultural activities with ecosystem restoration*

The CALFED Bay-Delta Program requests proposals for projects that assist farmers in integrating agricultural activities with ecosystem restoration. Approximately \$9 million will be available for this focused solicitation.

The Proposal Solicitation Package (PSP) will be released on October 11, 2005 and available for download at: [http://calwater.ca.gov/Solicitation/ERP\\_Solicitation.shtml](http://calwater.ca.gov/Solicitation/ERP_Solicitation.shtml). The submission deadline for all applications is December 15, 2005 at 5:00 p.m.

### Who is Eligible?

- Local agencies
- Qualified private non-profit organizations
- Universities
- State and federal agencies
- Tribes

### Notice of Pre-submittal Workshops

Attend a workshop in your area to learn more about this solicitation.

#### Yolo County

October 13, 2005 • 5:30 - 7:30 p.m.

Yolo Basin Wildlife Area Headquarters

4521 I County Road 32-B, (East Chiles Road), Davis

#### Stanislaus County

October 17, 2005 • 5:30 - 7:30 p.m.

Modesto Library

1500 I Street, Modesto

#### Los Banos

October 18, 2005 • 12:00 - 1:30 p.m.

San Joaquin River Exchange Contractors Water Authority

541 H Street, Los Banos

#### Willows

October 20, 2005 • 5:30 - 7:30 p.m.

Monday Afternoon Club

120 North Lassen Street, Willows

#### Napa County

October 25, 2005 • 12:00 - 1:30 p.m.

Napa County Library

580 Coombs Street, Napa



To RSVP for the workshops or if you have questions, e-mail [help@solicitation.calwater.ca.gov](mailto:help@solicitation.calwater.ca.gov) or call the PSP Helpline at 877/408-9310.

This solicitation has been developed by the CALFED Bay-Delta Program agencies through the California Bay-Delta Authority, the California Department of Fish and Game, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, and NOAA Fisheries Service, in cooperation with the California Department of Food and Agriculture.

## What are the Priorities?

The Ecosystem Restoration Program (ERP) seeks to support projects that will improve fish and wildlife habitat in the Bay-Delta estuary and are compatible with agricultural uses. Projects should be partnership-based, scientifically-credible, and provide multiple benefits. Priorities are further detailed in the solicitation package, and include:

- Projects that develop and implement agricultural activities that benefit certain wildlife and fish species
- Pilot and research projects that conserve giant garter snakes and assess how water transfers from croplands affect wetland dependent species
- Restoration permit assistance and regulatory assurances for agricultural activities benefiting wildlife and fish
- Projects that protect farmland and habitats, and buffer previous conservation investments
- Research and pilot demonstrations of the relative effectiveness of approaches integrating agricultural activities with ecosystem restoration

## ERP 2005 PSP Priority Geographical Areas

Proposals that integrate agricultural activities with ecosystem restoration in areas listed below are priorities for this solicitation.

- Sacramento River between Keswick Dam and Verona
- Cosumnes River
- North Delta
- Yolo Basin
- Tuolumne River
- Merced River
- West San Joaquin Basin (including the San Joaquin River between Gravelly Ford and Vernalis)
- Napa River
- Petaluma River

*Priority areas for the giant garter snake:*

- Butte Basin
- Colusa Basin
- Sutter Basin
- American Basin

## For More Information

Additional information and a copy of the solicitation will be available on October 11 at: [http://calwater.ca.gov/Solicitation/ERP\\_Solicitation.shtml](http://calwater.ca.gov/Solicitation/ERP_Solicitation.shtml). For any questions, call the PSP Helpline at 877/408-9310.